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Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol
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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 918 crashes as compared to 1,238 crashes in February 2008. The total crashes decreased by 25.8% compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway, extensive public education efforts and the significant increases in fuel costs. When compared to last year, fatalities decreased by 8 resulting in a 72.7% decrease. Of the 27 commercial vehicle crashes investigated this month, 4 resulted in injuries. The remaining 23 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 2.9% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.0% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 993 crash reports in February. This resulted in 2,639 crash reports being mailed out, a reduction of 59.6% when compared to February 2008. There were 796 visitors, requesting police services at the Front Office, which was a decrease of 8.1% when compared to February 2008.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 22,135 CAD incidents and 32,717 telephone calls. CAD incidents are attributable to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had a decrease in the overall traffic enforcement by 0.2% in February 2009, as compared to the same period in 2008. DUI arrests from crashes were down 24.5% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes decreased by 8.1% as compared to last year. Total arrests were down 16.5%.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 35.4% and its other citations by 145.9% as compared to last February. The number of Safety Inspections decreased by 32.3% compared to last year. This resulted in 83 vehicles and 65 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	February-09	February-08	% Change	January-09	% Change
Total crashes	918	1238	-25.8%	977	-6.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	707	938	-24.6%	751	-5.9%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	208	289	-28.0%	223	-6.7%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	11	-72.7%	3	0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	37	49	-24.5%	46	-19.6%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4	12	-66.7%	3	33.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	5	-80.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	2	-200.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	3	-33.3%	1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0%	0	100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	27	54	-50.0%	25	8.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	23	45	-48.9%	20	15.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	4	7	-42.9%	4	0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	2	-200.0%	1	-100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.3%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.0%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 25.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 2.9%
- ✱ Total crashes down 25.8 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 50.0% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are down 72.2 % from last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	February-09		February-08	% Change		January-09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	37		49	-24.5%		46	-19.6%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	158		172	-8.1%		204	-22.5%
Other arrests	810		1433	-43.5%		842	-3.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	353		423	-16.5%		396	-10.9%
Speed violations	3363		3954	-14.9%		3962	-15.1%
Hazardous moving violations	1818		2218	-18.0%		1982	-8.3%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	410		554	-26.0%		393	4.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	11160		11187	-0.2%		12540	-11.0%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	111		82	35.4%		98	13.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	514		209	145.9%		288	78.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	528		780	-32.3%		800	-34.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0%		1	-100.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	421		282	49.3%		334	26.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1503		1367	9.9%		1510	-0.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	83		95	-12.6%		72	15.3%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	65		46	41.3%		45	44.4%
Total school buses inspected	296		309	-4.2%		150	97.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	34		45	-24.4%		15	126.7%
Total trucks weighed	1129		296	281.4%		1112	1.5%
Total overweight citations	3		12	-75.0%		16	-81.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	472		780	-39.5%		573	-17.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0%		1	-100.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	16		31		2
Safety Violations Citation	1		8		0
Safety Violations Repair Order	1		35		3
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		3		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		11		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.16 %
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 35.28 years old.
- ✱ 0.0% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 5 drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	February-2009		February-2008	% Change		January- 2009	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	305,682		320,034	-4.5%		351,370	-13.0%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,349,804		1,340,181	0.7%		2,171,287	-37.8%
CAD Incidents	22,135		22470	-1.5%		25,796	-14.2%
Telephone Calls	32,717		32159	1.7%		33,564	-2.5%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	38		40	-5.0%		55	-30.9%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	993		1,168	-15.0%		1,022	-2.8%
Arrest Reports Processed	349		502	-30.5%		398	-12.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	9		22	-59.1%		56	-83.9%
Vehicle Impound Releases	100		94	6.4%		78	28.2%
Visitors at Counter	796		866	-8.1%		975	-18.4%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	2,639		6,525	-59.6%		2,513	5.0%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	779		859	-9.3%		862	-9.6%
Warrants Entered	58		564	-89.7%		499	-88.4%
Warrants Cleared	215		361	-40.4%		386	-44.3%
Warrants Validated	2,548		1,919	32.8%		2,028	25.6%
Extradition / Transports	25		15	66.7%		17	47.1%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	65		57	14.0%		93	-30.1%
New Items Submitted	125		118	5.9%		176	-29.0%
Items Disposed	4		16	-75.0%		13	-69.2%

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 84.62% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 12.31 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 1.54 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 1.54 % of case submissions.
- ✱ OPR is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 4 Contracts using 83.25 hours, billed in the amount of \$5931.65

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
971	13	153	29	5

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
775	552	34	145	103	42

Community service appearances: (Total 6)

Schools:

- Arbor View HS
- Coronado HS (2 visits)
- Cadwallader MS
- Grant Bowler ES
- UNLV
- ITT Tech

Additional Appearances and Meetings: (Total 42)

- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- IR 15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Nellis Air Force Base – First Term Airman’s Course
- IR 15 Blasting Operational Meeting
- IR 15 Design Build project meetings
- IR 15 Blasting press conference
- Legislative press event
- Speedway Children’s Charity Event
- On-going training for Meth 360 Project
- DUI press event with STOP DUI Nevada
- On-going discussions for OTS & STOP DUI // campaign with Al Unser Jr.
- Driver’s Edge – distribution of OTS funded DVD and event
- Committee work on Nevada Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- SHSP Communicators Workshop
- Clark County School District presentation with 16 year old fatal driver.

February 2009
Flight Operations
Southern Command

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Nevada Highway Patrol Flight Operations
Sergeant/Pilot Tony Sabino

Overview

Content:

Flight operations summary

The Southern Command Aircraft flew 2 missions accounting for 5.1 total flight hours. Refer below for a brief description of activity.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
1	4	78	Speed Enforcement
1	1.1	22	New Engine Break In

On February 26, the aircraft took to the sky with a newly installed 235hp Lycoming O-540 Factory Rebuilt Engine. Measures were taken to minimize down time however, we experienced a week delay in shipment and installation. Out of two scheduled missions, 1 was cancelled as a result.

Later the same day, an enforcement mission was flown near Searchlight. Our top clock was 97mph, a grey Toyota Corolla. There were a total of 23 enforcement actions taken with one motorist assisted. Refer to the table below for a brief description of actions taken.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	20
Hazardous	0
Non-Hazardous	0
Seatbelts	3

A scheduled 50 hour progressive maintenance check was completed during the engine installation period.